

Acting AD/CO

10 February 1949

Chief, ICAPS

Central Translation Bureau

1. Attached are copies of recommendations received from the members of the IAC ad hoc committee examining the problem of "Central Translations."

2. It is suggested that the FDB examine these agency concepts with a view towards formulating recommendations that may be acceptable to all IAC agencies. I think it would be beneficial for Mr. Bagnall to keep in close touch with Mr. Shane MacCarthy, so that arrangements may be made for a meeting on this subject in the very near future.

1st. Indorsement

TO : Chief, Foreign Documents Branch 15 February 1949

FROM: Acting Assistant Director for Operations

1. The views of the IAC agencies on the feasibility and proposed functions of a central translation bureau are so divergent that action along the lines of the first ICAPS memo seems unlikely. Strengthening of FDB functions of:

(a) coordination (central locator file etc.)

(b) exploitation of press and periodicals

(c) Accessioning of available documents would nevertheless seem acceptable to all IAC agencies on the basis of the attached.

2. Request that you work out a draft of recommendations to that effect which may be presented to the ad hoc committee after discussion with this office and ICAPS. A short summary of the official positions taken by each agency (as indicated in the attached) should probably be included as an introduction to the draft. The committee might otherwise request inter-agency circulation of the papers, or feel that CIA was reneging on its original proposal without sufficient reason.

3. High priority should be given to this project, in view of Mr. Child's suggestion in Para 2 above.